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KANSAS IS AFTER RAIL RATES NOW

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The effort being made by the state of Kansas, through its public utilities commission to secure reductions in railroad rates of grain and grain products and hay is attracting wide attention. Other states are taking notice of it and will likely join in the movement.

A dispatch from Topeka quoting J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, says that he has announced it costs nearly four times as much to ship the feed to produce a 200 pound hog at it does to ship the hog the same distance to market. He states that it costs 68 cents to ship a hog from Hutchinson to Kansas City, and it costs 2.38 to ship feed from Kansas City to Hutchinson.

He continues: "Other authorities tell us it requires eight hundred pounds of corn and 2,800 pounds of alfalfa to make one hundred pounds of butter. The freight charges from Hutchinson to Kansas City on the corn would amount to \$1.72, and on the alfalfa at 23 cents a hundred would amount to \$6.64, or a total of \$7.36 on the feed necessary to produce one hundred pounds of butter, while the freight on the butter itself would be only 84 cents. Here is a reduction from 3,600 pounds to one hundred pounds in weight and a saving of \$6.51 on the freight alone, while the butter shipper has the big advantage of marketing a product for which there always is a demand at some price, while the shipper of the feedstuffs may meet an adverse market."

County Schools Made Attendance Record Last Year

Reports for the school year closing June 30 that are now coming in from all county schools to the office of Supt. Offutt show that the attendance for the past year has been the best in the history of the county, both as to percentage for those enrolled and in proportion to the enumeration in districts.

Lack of drives in the rural districts, such as were held during the war, has been the cause of a better grade of work, on the part of pupils, who have not suffered the distraction that these drives caused, according to Supt. Offutt.

In many rural districts the schools will add ninth and tenth grades in the fall, a feature that few Missouri counties can boast of.

Soon after the addition of these courses the state high school inspector will visit all schools having them, with a view of placing them on a par with city high schools.

WATTS PAROLED

Charles Watts, arrested and convicted on a charge of accessory after the fact in the Benton City burglary was paroled from his sentence of a year in jail Monday.

Watts paid his fine of \$200 and costs that the court had also assessed against him.

NANCY LEE DODD WILL BE FILED IN PROBATE COURT

The will of Mrs. Nancy Lee Dodd, just filed in probate court leaves the bulk of her estate to her daughter, Mary A. Dodd.

It gives \$1 each to James W. Dodd, John M. Dodd, Charles W. Dodd, Frank R. Dodd, Artie Stephens, Ola Stephens and Roy Stephens. All the rest is given to her daughter Mary A. Dodd.

Charles W. Dodd is named executor without bond.

Mrs. J. S. Strode has gone to Fulton to visit her sister, Mrs. T. B. Day.

F. L. Hanly sold C. W. Criswell the business building occupied by the Zimmerman's Bakery this week. The property formerly belonged to the Mexico Catholic church.

J. A. Adcock has traded a house he owns here and the building occupied by the Kohl repair shop on Washington Ave., to Commodore Johnson for a 63 acre farm 3 miles west of Mexico.

UTILITIES CO. APPLIES FOR RATE DECREASE

The Missouri Utilities Co., has filed application with the Public Service Commission for a decrease in the net kilowatt rate on electric current from 13c to 11c and an increase in the minimum monthly bill from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Officials of the company pointed out that this new rate schedule, if granted, would affect a saving to the great majority of their consumers, by actually decreasing their rates, while those who were not actually using the minimum could increase their consumption and thereby profit likewise.

The application will be considered by the city council Monday night and the Commission will then act if the council reports favorably, which it is said they will.

NEW PHASE ON THE ROAD BILL NOW

JEFFERSON CITY, July 7.—The house committee on roads has been considering the proposition to reimburse the 114 counties of the state for road work previously done on Missouri highways.

It is almost the unanimous opinion of the house that if a county has voted bonds or made substantial improvements on any roads taken over by the state that they shall be paid from the 60 million road bonds. How much of the state fund will be necessary for that purpose before new construction work is undertaken is a problem that must be worked out by the engineers and mathematicians.

C. W. Brown assistant highway engineer and a former Audrain county boy told the committee that gravel roads from twelve to sixteen feet wide in Southwest Missouri averaged in cost \$7,900 a mile; that in Southeast Missouri the average cost was \$10,000 a mile; that north of the Missouri river, where gravel must be shipped in, gravel roads cost \$12,000 to \$13,000 a mile.

The assistant state engineer showed that the highway department is paying for grading and culverts up to twenty feet wide, more than \$4,500 a mile. The average cost for seventy nine bridges has been \$7,000. Brown added that it would cost an average of \$1,000 a mile for bridges, bringing the total cost of a state road before any hard surface material is applied, to \$5,500 a mile. For the entire state system of 6,000 miles, preparation for paving alone would take about 33 million dollars of the state road fund, according to his figures.

AUXVASSE COUPLE WED

Miss Wilma E. Beaven and Raymond W. Ferguson, both of Auxvasse, were married by Rev. W. C. Cowart at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Methodist parsonage.

They were attended by Mrs. Olea Custer, a sister of the bride and a resident of Auxvasse.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. C. D. Bell of Auxvasse and during her residence there has made friends of all her acquaintances. Mr. Ferguson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ferguson, southwest of Bachelor, and is a splendid young man. During the war he served with the navy.

The Ledger joins friends in extending congratulations to the happy couple.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TO OPEN IN MEXICO IN FALL

A parochial school, supported by St. Brendan's church of this city, will be opened in the Hord property on south Clark street in September, according to announcement by Father P. D. Gavin.

The prospective enrollment of the school amounts to 70 students and all subjects of the grammar school will be taught.

Colored Couple Wed.

Nannie F. Phillips, and Thaddeus E. Copridge two highly respected colored citizens of Mexico were married Friday, July 9th in Independence.

Makes 9 Holes of Golf in 41.

Jack Marlow who seems to hold the record for the Mexico Country Club golf course, equally his own record of 41 for the 9 holes, playing to within a club's length of each hole recently. This method of play has been necessary because of the present condition of the greens.

Crop Prices Up

In the past few days wheat has advanced 10 cents, corn five cents and oats three cents.

It may be this is the beginning of the much needed advances in the price of farm produce. It may be that the warm weather and general conditions are the cause. There are many things that enter into the market prices these days.

However if prices continue to advance and the corn crop fulfills its promise the farmer and the business man will wear wider and bigger smiles.

Just now a good rain would help the corn, rout the chinch bug and cool off the atmosphere. It seems that anything that would be of as great benefits as this is worth pulling for. We are not suffering for rain, but then, we wouldn't be a bit mad if a good one came along and dropped in on us for a few hours.

F. Mitchell White

ATHLETICS TAKE FAST GAME FROM ST. LOUIS SUNDAY

The largest crowd of the season saw the Mexico Athletics trim the Burlington Travelers of St. Louis Sunday 7 to 0.

The visitors played a fine style of ball except in the fifth inning, when timely hits and some clean bunting by the locals brought in seven tallies. Lane, who was playing his last game for Mexico, led the Athletics in slugging the horse-hide, by getting two big ones out of three times up. Marshall followed him a close second.

Following is the score:

Mexico	AB	R	H	E
Rodes s	4	1	1	1
Kistler c	4	1	1	0
Marshall p	4	1	2	0
Roberts c f	4	1	1	0
Griffith 3rd	4	1	1	0
Schutte 1 f	4	0	1	0
Lane 2nd	3	1	2	0
Willingham 1st	4	1	0	0
Reed r f	2	0	0	0
Winatley r f	1	0	0	0
Total	7	9	1	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	E
Smith 2nd	4	0	0	2
Wadener 1st	4	0	0	0
Echternling 3rd	4	0	1	0
Christian s	4	0	1	2
O'Mally c f	4	0	3	0
Dahner 1 f	3	0	2	0
Manning r f	3	0	1	0
Wheat c	3	0	1	2
Hensick p	3	0	0	0
Total	0	9	6	

The big game of the season will be next Sunday when the fast Huntsville team comes to town. Huntsville won from Chillicothe Sunday 8-0 and have not lost a game this season. Their battery is Asbol and Reed.

Fred A. Morris Is Grand Loyal Knight of Elks

A telegram from Sam D. Byrns, Secretary of the Missouri Elks Association, late Tuesday afternoon brought word that Fred A. Morris of Mexico had been elected to the office of Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight at the National B. P. O. E. convention in Los Angeles.

Mr. Morris and family have been in Los Angeles for some days attending the convention. He is a delegate from the local lodge.

Mr. Morris has been active in the Elks lodge since its organization in Mexico. He was one of those who was instrumental in having the present home of the lodge erected here. Mr. Morris also served a year as Grand Exalted Ruler for Missouri. Last year he was a member of one of the national committees.

The election of John Halpin of Missouri a Grand Trustee makes this the only state with two Grand Lodge officers.

You Guessed It This Time.

The fellow who said it felt like 100 in the shade hit it just right Wednesday, for that was the temperature recorded by the official observer for Mexico at 3:30 p. m., today.

On Tuesday the mercury recorded a maximum of 99 degrees.

CONGRESS PROBES CAUSE OF FARM PRODUCT MARGIN

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Congress started on the trail of the farm product profiteers yesterday inquiry was opened by a joint committee of the house and senate.

With sweeping authority to go along the route from the farm to the dinner plate, the committee has set out to find the men who are making big profits on foodstuffs.

Agriculture, members of the committee contend, is in a state of distress that economic conditions do not justify. Somebody is getting a large part of the farmers' share of the profits and the consumer is paying unduly high prices, they declare.

The investigation will go into:

1. Discussion of the present condition of agriculture.
2. The difference between prices of farm products paid to producer and ultimate cost to consumers.
3. The comparative conditions of industries other than agriculture, including relative prices of commodities.
4. Banking and financial resources and credits and marketing and transportation facilities.

After taking testimony of representatives of the various organizations, Chairman Anderson indicated that the committee would maketrips to the centers of distribution for first hand information.

New Laws Will Be Great Aid to Rural Schools

Under laws passed at the recent session of the legislature the schools of Audrain county will benefit immensely, according to information received by W. J. Offutt, county superintendent of schools.

The fact that ninth and tenth grades are soon to be added to rural school curricula is an important benefit, according to Superintendent Offutt, as such schools will receive as much as \$500 from the State Aid School Fund, provided there are two teachers, one for the grade and one for high school work. Some of the county schools will have this, Mr. Offutt said.

In order to receive the full benefit of this aid the levy must be 65c on the \$100 and it is only that high in one Audrain School District. The average levy for the county is 40c.

JOHNSON REUNION

The annual reunion of the Johnson family was held on the place of W. H. Johnson near Hutton Sunday, the occasion being a family birthday.

No less than 141 persons including a few friends, were present and spread their baskets on the lawn to partake of a sumptuous dinner.

Thirty-nine persons by the name of Johnson enjoyed the big event.

Miss Frances Ervin has returned to her home in E. St. Louis, after a visit with Mrs. Ella Morey in this city. Miss Ervin is a teacher in the E. St. Louis schools.

J. D. McKee left Wednesday for Canon City, Colo., to visit his son, Louis McKee, who is in the best of health and building up a good automobile business.

Miss Katherine Sannbeck has returned from Clinton, Mo., where she spent several days with friends.

TELLS ABOUT BIG FIGHT IN JERSEY

C. W. Edmonston who is home from a business trip East, and while in New York attended the Dempsey-Carpenter championship fight, told the Mexico Rotary Club about the fight Friday noon at the club's weekly luncheon.

Mr. Edmonston said that in the second round Carpenter had Dempsey on the ropes and his head covered with his arms trying to escape the punishment due to the challenger's double-shift method of fighting—something new to the game in this country.

However the most interesting part of his story was telling how the crowd of over 91,000 people was handled without confusion or trouble and the reaction of this immense throng to every phase of the affair.

He said he never saw so many straw hats in his life or so many police. That the streets looked like a sea of straw hats and were packed with fight fans for blocks. The thousands of police who handled the crowd at the arena were perfectly organized and kept the crowd moving. For fear of fire everyone had to give up their newspapers and the vast arena, covering 30 acres, was wet down with water only a few hours before the fight to protect it from a blaze.

Dr. Vaughn, president of Hardin College, was announced as the latest member of the local Rotary Club. The meeting was in charge of A. R. Dallmeyer and was a big success.

Former Residents of Martinsburg Slain In Ozarks

The bodies of Herman Helmeke and his wife, formerly of Martinsburg each about 70 years old were found July 3rd in a lonely cabin in the Arkansas hills near Omaha, fifteen miles south of Hollister according to word reaching here. It is believed they were killed by persons intending robbery.

The man had been shot six times and his wife four. Apparently death had occurred three or four days previous to finding the bodies. An open knife was found gripped in Helmeke's hands.

Persons who visited the Helmeke home and discovered the bodies said they found that the home had been ransacked. It is not known what loot if any was obtained.

FUNERAL FRIDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Jas. Fields, who died in Kansas City Wednesday after a two weeks' illness, was held from the Baptist church Friday at 2:30 p. m.

Mrs. Fields was a native of Arkansas, who she had lived in this vicinity for many years. She was 71 years old.

Rev. J. H. Hughes will conduct the services and burial will be made in Elmwood.

The pall bearers are: J. A. Guthrie, Earl Haggard, Frank Eller, J. J. Wood, E. A. Shannon and Price Guthrie.

The Ledger joins many friends in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

NOT QUITE AS WARM AS YOU THOUGHT IT WAS

The official observer for Mexico reports that so far the temperatures for July are no higher than June, at least so far as the maximum is concerned.

On July 4th the mercury climbed to 95, on the 5th it did the same and on the 6th it stopped at 94.

The excessive humidity on these three days made it seem to most folks that the thermometer must be hitting the hundred mark.

The elusive weather man says fair and continued warm for Mexico.

Leaves For Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Misses Marceana and Louise Johnson will leave the later part of this week for an overland trip to the Yellowstone in their car. They will be gone several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Gambel have returned to their home in St. Louis, after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gambel.

SENATE FAVORS HARD ROAD SYSTEM BILL

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 9.—The Missouri state senate late yesterday voted in record in favor of a statewide system of connected hard-surfaced roads. That body also favors placing final designation of the roads and selection of the type of construction highway commission.

The senate's stand became known during the consideration of amendments to the Ralph bill, which was up for engrossment. The chamber failed to finish the bill yesterday, and convened an hour earlier today in an effort to engross it today.

It is apparent from the vote on the amendments offered yesterday that the Ralph bill will be passed practically as reported out by the senate roads committee. Minor amendments were adopted today, but it is apparent that the senate will retain the vital features of the bill.

SARA HODGES AND KANSAS CITY MAN ARE MARRIED

Miss Sara Hodges formerly of Mexico, was married to Mr. Jack Singleton of Kansas City on Saturday evening, July 9th at Kansas City, Missouri.

Miss Hodges is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hodges of this county and is quite well known here having made this her home until recently. She is a splendid young woman, popular with all who know her. Mr. Singleton is District Engineer for the Corrugated Bar Company, with offices in Kansas City. He was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, in February of 1917 and served with his regiment at the front in France, as Company Commander.

The wedding was a very quiet one a few friends only being present at the ceremony, which took place at the Linwood Boulevard Church. Mr. and Mrs. Singleton will be at home after July 15th at the Valmdair Apartments, 3719 ase, Kansas City, Mo.

The Ledger joins the many friends of both in extending congratulations and best wishes.

COLUMBIA MAN WOULD DIRECT MEXICO BAND!

A letter from F. R. Antoine of Columbia states that he hears that a band is to be organized in Mexico and he desires to be employed as conductor.

The matter has been discussed some what locally, but no definite action has ever been taken.

A band would be a fine thing for Mexico if the community would really get behind it.

GREAT BRITAIN ACCEPTS U. S. DISARMAMENT INVITATION

LONDON, July 12.—President Harding's message looking to the calling of an international conference on the limitation of armaments has been received with the utmost pleasure by Great Britain, Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, declared in the House of Commons yesterday.

Speaking on the American communication, the Prime Minister said: "I need not say that we welcome with the utmost pleasure President Harding's wise and courteous initiative."

"The world has been looking to the United States for such a lead," Lloyd George declared "I am confident that the House will esteem it as an act of far-seeing statesmanship and will who heartily wish it success."

Harp Overtures Please.

The playing of Mr. Charles Pigg, who presided at the Liberty Theatre organ and harp miramba has attracted the attention of a number of St. Louisians who were in Mexico as well as the favorable comment of many local people. His overtures have been especially well chosen and his daily selections particularly adapted to the picture on the screen.

Dr. W. F. Traugbhor, of Los Angeles, formerly of this city, who hasn't been back to Mexico for 14 years, was in this city Tuesday and operated at the county hospital. He is visiting in Centralia. Dr. Traugbhor says Mexico should be proud of our splendid hospital which is one of the finest he has seen.

Herbert Biggers and wife, of St. Joseph, Mich., are the guests of Mexico relatives.

PUEBLO FLOOD VICTIMS HERE FOR ALWAYS

M. O. Suter, a former resident of Audrain County and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Owen, his son-in-law and daughter, who narrowly escaped death in the Pueblo flood recently, are here to make their home in Audrain again.

The flood caught the min bed, about midnight and the heavy rain storm that was in progress kept them awake so they were not asleep when the waters struck their adobe home.

They resided five and a half miles from Pueblo on the St. Charles River. Their home, of adobe, with concrete outside and inside the walls, was on an especially high piece of ground. A dam above them broke and the first they knew of the flood was the water entering under the doors.

They were 200 yards from the nearest land. The adobe filled up the cracks in the doors of the house and while there was three feet of water outside only a few inches was inside on the floors. When morning came the water had subsided and they left for the high ground.

Their many friends will be glad to hear of their escape. Their experience from midnight to morning, when great logs pounded the walls of the house and threatened to wash their refuge away, were harrowing. They will make their home on the old Rickman farm south of Mexico. They lost their home in the flood. The water ran so swiftly they could not wade it.

Fulton Citizens Are Losers On Oil Scheme

Citizens of Fulton who last winter made investments of sums up to \$250 on a contract that the Producers Oil Co., was to erect a filling station and sell them gas at half price until they had bought supplies equivalent to the sum they subscribed, have been disappointed according to the Fulton Sun.

This station was built alright but about the time it was scheduled to begin operation the company went into the hands of a receiver.

The company has built stations all over the state, but now has no gas to furnish them.

The order, made in the Kansas City Circuit Court Wednesday named a Kaw City man as receiver.

A line station erected in Mexico on West Monroe street will soon be completed and ready to open.

WORKMAN HURT

C. W. Dillender of Louisiana, employed by the C. & A. in connection with improvement on the East Bridge near the C. & A. lake, was painfully injured Tuesday morning when a wall of dirt caved in and he was struck by debris.

He sustained a large gash on the head and several painful bruises.

After his wounds were dressed he was removed to his home in Louisiana.

THE MONROE CITY LEGION CARRIED HEAVY RAIN INSURANCE ON 4TH

Because of a heavy and extended rain that practically spoiled their Fourth of July celebration, the American Legion of Monroe City will collect between \$500 to \$600 on an insurance policy protecting them against rain storms. The policy was for \$1500 or a guarantee that the income from the celebration would not fall short of that amount. The gate receipts were about \$1,000. Had fair weather prevailed there would have been many times that amount, it is said. The claim is based upon the difference between the receipts and the amount of the policy.

A. L. Campbell of Vandalia is in town for a few days.

J. D. McKee leaves Wednesday for Canon City, Colorado to visit his son.

Mrs. C. R. Gibbs left Monday for Billings, Montana, to visit her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Williams and children, of Texas, are the guests of Mexico relatives. They motored here and after a stay of about ten days expect to continue their motor trip westward.